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CUSTOMS TARIFFS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO REF B.
PARA 4 OF REF B REQUESTED ADVANCE INFORMATION ON IBPCT
BUDGETS FOR F.Y. 1975 AND F.Y. 1976. WASHINGTON AGENCIES
HAVE RECEIVED THE IBPCT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1973/74.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES TO APPROPRIATE IBPCT AUTHORITIES.

3. BEGIN TEXT: WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 85TH FISCAL YEAR (APRIL 1, 1975 -
MARCH 31, 1976) THE FISCAL YEAR 1976 BUDGET ESTIMATE
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ALREADY INCLUDES
FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL BUREAU FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS.
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CONTINGENT UPON FAVORABLE ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE
STARTING JULY, 1975 OR AFTER THE CONGRESS COMPLETES ACTION
ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION ACT.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR FUTURE

YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS REVIEWED THE STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS JUSTIFYING THE NEED FOR AN INCREASE IN MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS AND AGREES TO SUBMIT FUTURE ESTIMATES WHICH REFLECT A 30 PERCENT INCREASE ABOVE THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION PAID IN 1965, IF THE FACTORS WHICH LED TO THE REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE REMAIN CONSTANT. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE BUREAU'S PROPOSAL TO LINK FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED BY THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

5. THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT PUBLIC LAW 90-569, APPROVED OCTOBER 12, 1968 (22 U.S.C. 269TH) PROVIDES THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 6 PER CENTUM OF THE EXPENSES OF THE BUREAU PER ANNUM. U.S. APPROVAL MUST, THEREFORE, BE CONDITIED ON THE ACTIONS OF OTHER MEMBER STATES. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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